(c) when these rates were last revised;

(d) whether some Sugar Mills are reported to have withheld the payment to the public sector financial institutions;

(e) if so , the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(f) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Rates were last revised in August, 1991.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Details of defaults to financial institutions as on 31.3.1991 given below:

(Rs. in crores)

	Defaults		*Amount outstanding*
	No.	*Amount*	
IDBI	3O	11.64	48.94
IFCI	17	56.96	18.58
ICICI	106	20 .32	107.83
		37.92	175.35

Total number of companies will not add up due to a number of companies being common.

The reasons for default are un-economic operations including, inter-alia, non-availability of cane, high cane procurement prices, low recovery rates, lack of modernisation, management problems, delay in implementation, uneconomic installed capacity, etc.

(f) The financial institutions adopt a variety of measures for recovery of ovedues. These include mounting pressure on the concerned units as well as their guarantors (including state governments wherever involved) to fulfil their guarantee obligations, rescheduling of loans is also a greed to by the institutions in deserving case . In respect of certain non-viable units the institutions also go in for a one-time settlement. In exceptional cases, where all other measures fail,. the institutions recall their loans and final recovery suits.

Branch Expansion Programme of Banks in Orissa

*731. SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for Orissa under branch expansion programme of public sector banks during the Seventh Five Plan period;

(b) the number of licences issued by the Reserved Bank of India for rural branches and the branches actually opened during the above period; and

(c)the per-capita investment by commercial banks in Orissa as against the national average by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE: (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):(a) and (b). The Branch Licensing Policy for 1985 -90 of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had required the achievement of a target of 17,000 population (1981 census) per bank office in rural and semi-urban areas of each development block in the country including Orissa. The average population of per bank office of the State of Orissa as a whole was 13,540 and in rural/semi-urban areas it was 14,520 as at the end of March, 1990. RBI had allotted a total of 388 centres to the commercial banks for the above period. Till date 354 centres have been utilised by the commercial banks. The validity of the pending licences has been extended by RBI till 31st March, 1992.

(c) The per capita deployment of gross bank credit by all scheduled commercial banks(based on 1981 census) in Orissa vis-a-vis the national average as at the end of March, 1989 was Rs.638 and Rs.1403 respectively.

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Development of Sericulture in Kerala

5894. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any facilities have been provided by the Union Government to encourage sericulture in Kerala;

(b) if so, since when and the details of assistance given by the Union Government to the State Government till date; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES: (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (c). Since 1987 -88, the Central Silk Board had provided the following types of assistance to the State Govt. of Kerala for development of sericulture in the State under its normal programmes/World Bank assisted National Sericulture Project:-

1. Supply of mulberry cuttings and saplings on subsidised cost.
2. Supply of disease free layings.
3. Establishment of Basic seed Farms, Grainages, Cocoon Markets, Sericulture Training Schools, Demonstration cum Training Centres, Reeling Units, Chawkie Centres and Technical Service Centres.
4. Organising study tour and training programme for farmers.
5. Extension of Technical guidance and marketing support.
6. Organising seminars and entrepreneur programming.

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Pending Cases in Guwahati High Court

5895. DR.JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in the Guwahati High Court for more than ten years; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to expedite the disposal of such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS:(SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARMANGALAM): (a) As on 30.6.1991, 237 cases were pending in Guwahati High Court for more than ten years.